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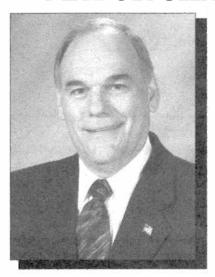
2 N. Madison Ave.

Greenwood, IN 46142

Fall/Winter 2005

A note from . . .

MAYOR CHARLES E. HENDERSON



As we go about our daily lives, we often see things that excite us or make us feel good. It is a privilege to get out of the office, drive around the city and see some of those things. One of those is the new trails system on Main Street and Smith Valley By-Pass. The trail, or pathway, isn't what excites me. It's the people using them that is exciting!! There are young

mothers pushing baby carriages, kids on bikes, roller blades or skate boards, young couples and seniors holding hands while on an early morning walk or an evening stroll. The American flags John and Linda Gibson put so much of their hearts and souls into that fly during our holiday season; school buses loaded with young grade school students excited and anxious to learn. These are the things that are exciting!

Each time I drive by or visit the Greenwood Public Library for a book tape (I like to listen to book tapes when I travel) I can't help but be impressed with what a jewel we have in that building.

The 4th of July Festival has been renamed the Freedom Festival and will be held the last Saturday in June each year. The committee outdid themselves this year, and had the best festival I can remember. It kicked off with a great parade and ended with the best fireworks in years. In between was good food, fun and games.

On July 3rd, I once again was moved by the "Honor our Heroes" night at Grace Assembly of God Church. This was the fourth year Grace Assembly has sponsored this magnificent event. Pastor Wayne Murray and the entire church congregation went above and beyond in honoring the men and women of both the military and public safety. If you haven't attended one of these, I encourage you to make July 2, 2006 as

a must do event. You too, will be moved.

On July 29, Governor Mitch Daniels came riding into town on his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. It had been painted with the Indiana Flag on the gas tank. I borrowed a Harley from Jack Inabnitt and rode alongside the Governor as we led about 200 motocyclists from I-65 to Chick-fil-A on State Road 135. It was The Victory Junction Gang sponsored by NASCAR Driver Kyle Petty and his wife. They ride across the U.S. every year to raise money for underprivileged children. It was a sight to see!! The Governor and 200 Harley's!! It was a lot of fun.

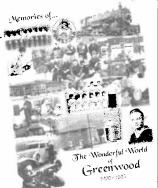
It's been a good Spring and Summer and a good year. We all can look forward to Fall — the brilliant colors of the changing leaves, cooler weather, fires in the fireplaces, Halloween (celebrated in Greenwood on October 30th), Thanksgiving turkey and the trimmings and last but not least, celebration of the Greatest Story ever told – Christmas! Be sure to support our local merchants and visit downtown Greenwood during the holidays. They have planned a real festive display for you this year. I look forward to seeing you there.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Charle E. Henderson

Memories of the Wonderful World of Greenwood **Great Gift Idea**





Books may be purchased at the Greenwood City Building, Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Museum.

Trick on Treat Hours for Halloween 2005

City of Greenwood Announces Trick or Treat Hours for Halloween 2005 Offers Tips for Enjoying a Safe Night.

The **City of Greenwood** has designated the following hours for Trick-or-Treating within the corporate limits of the City:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year, the **Greenwood Police Department** will place a high emphasis on Halloween patrols that evening with all available officers (over 50 cars) being deployed for uniform patrol. The addition of these officers

is not a response to any past problems, but rather is a way to enhance our residents feeling of safety.

To help make your Halloween a safe one, **Greenwood Mayor Charles Henderson** provides the following suggestions for not only children, but for parents & motorists as well:

- When planning on a costume, keep in mind that long costumes and high-heeled shoes may be unsafe when climbing stairs and crossing streets. Wear light colored, non-flammable costumes and carry a flashlight after dark.
- Consider using make-up instead of wearing a mask, (masks can obstruct vision).
- Adults should always accompany very young children.
- Confine "random" trick-or-treat visits to your own immediate neighborhood.
- Advise your children to never accept rides with strangers or older children not known to them and their parents.
- Advise your children never to enter any home unless it is one of a relative or known friend.
- Advise your children to watch out for traffic.
- Advise your children to be aware of pets, as some costumes may excite pets.

Advise your children to be courteous and respectful of the property of others, always use sidewalks and

driveways when approaching homes (stay out of yards etc.).

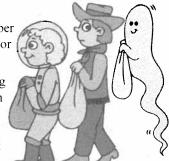
- Advise your children to wait until they return home before eating any of their treats.
 - Adults should check all candy and treats thoroughly and throw away all unwrapped candy and fruit.
 - Never invite trick-or-treaters into your home.

Keep your porch light and/or driveway light on.

 Adults out driving should exercise extreme caution during trick-or-treat hours.

Finally, all citizens should remember to call **911** immediately if anyone or anything suspicious is observed.

Anyone with questions regarding Halloween hours or safety can contact the **Greenwood Police**Department either by calling (317) 882-9191, or via e-mail at police@cityofgreenwood.com.



Teacher's Reuse Center

Teacher's Reuse Center seeking items

Creative Re-Sources, the Johnson County reuse center for teachers and non-profit organizations, is seeking the following items:

From Individuals:

- Buttons
- Cookie Cutters
- Beads & Sequins
- Old jewelry; mismatched earrings, etc.
- Craft paint
- Paint brushes
- Markers, Pencils, Pens, Colored pencils, Crayons
- Scissors
- Yarn/String
- Glue/Glue sticks
- Large Darning/Sewing needles
- Leftover Party Supplies/Decorations

From Businesses:

- Excess Inventory
- Outdated Product Lines
- Returned or Slightly Damaged Merchandise
- Samples
- Leftover/Outdated Promotional Items

All of the items available at Creative Re-Sources are "rescued" from businesses and individuals in an effort to keep these materials out of the landfill. Johnson County teachers and non-profit organizations are eligible to "shop" at Creative Re-Sources. Shoppers may either purchase a \$40 annual membership or pay \$5.00 per shopping trip. Creative Re-Sources is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month for annual members and the second Thursday of the month for \$5 shoppers. In June, July, and August, the days are the same, but the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is also possible to make an appointment to shop outside of the regular hours.

The Johnson County Solid Waste District operates Creative Re-Sources within the District office at 755 E. Hamilton Ave. in Franklin. Any questions, call 738-2546.



City of Greenwood Trash Collection Guidelines

Republic Services of Indiana, the contractor for trash collection for the City of Greenwood, has some specific guidelines for their trash collection program. Here are those guidelines.

Frequency Of Collection

• Trash will be picked up one time per week, and must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. the morning of collection.

Limit A Resident Can Set Out

- A resident may set out five 30 gallon bags or five 30 gallon containers, or any combination of the two, of household trash and garbage.
- Tree limbs may be set out provided they are tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and three feet in girth. Each bundle is equivalent to one bag.
- Additional bags or bundles of limbs require stickers at a cost of 75 cents, per bag or bundle, which may be purchased from the Greenwood Sanitation Billing office located at 2 N. Madison Ave. The stickers are then to be placed on each additional bag or bundle.
- Unlimited trash pick up will be done during the weeks following Christmas and New Year's.

Cost

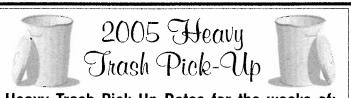
 Regular trash pick up is \$8.50 per month, which will be billed on your Greenwood Sanitation bill.

Heavy Trash

• Heavy trash will be picked up one time per month, during the last full week of the month. It will be picked up on your regular trash day along with your regular five bags of trash. Heavy trash shall include furniture, carpeting and other flooring scraps (that do not contain asbestos), metal appliances (except those containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners}, Heavy trash does not include construction or demolition debris, tree limbs or extra bags of trash.

Freon Containing Appliances

 All Freon containing appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, must be marked with a "FREON" sticker which may be purchased for \$30.00 from the Greenwood Sanitation Billing office. Freon containing appliances will not be picked up without a sticker.



Heavy Trash Pick Up Dates for the weeks of:

October 24-28 November 21 - 25 December 26 - 30 January 23 - 27, 2006

Limb Pick-up Program

The city continues to maintain the Limb Pickup program which is a drop off point for tree limbs. The City will continue to pick up tree limbs from the curb line of Greenwood City residents. The drop off site is located on Fry Road, next to Fire Station #2. This site is available to Greenwood City residents only!

Residents are required to show proof

of residency, such as personal identification and a utility bill, or other reasonable means of proof. This site is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This will continue until October 30th.



SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2005

Here is a list of remaining 2005 holidays and their related trash collection schedules. If you have any questions regarding your pick up day you can call Republic Service of Indiana at 1-800-234-6881.

Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday November 24th & 25th With Thanksgiving Day falling on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday trash will be picked up one day later.

Christmas Holiday:

Since Christmas day falls on a Sunday there will be NO CHANGE in the trash collection schedule.

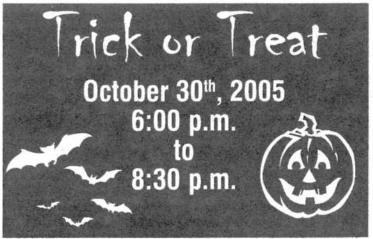
New Years Holiday

There will be NO CHANGE in trash collection over this holiday.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up



The leaf pick up will begin October 25th and will end December 10th. Leaves should not be raked into the street but to the back of the curb. If leaves are raked into the street this could cause problems with the storm drains during a rain. During peak leaf pick up it could take as long as 10 working days to get the city covered. Please have patience. We will get them picked up as quickly as possible.



Trails Network Update

Since the last newsletter many new pathway segments have been paved:

*The Polk Hill Trail (along Smith Valley Rd) has been extended another 1/3 mile further East and now extends from Craig Park to Grassy Creek Lane.

*The new Main Street Trail segment, when coupled with the existing sidewalk system, provides for nearly continuous walkway from US31 to Emerson Ave. along Main St.

*A "cut thru" trail that goes through Craig Park and routes to the sidewalks along Washington Street (in Surina Square) provides a pedestrian and cycling connection from The Polk Hill Trail to the Main Street Trail system.

The above segments provide an approximately 3.5 mile, nearly continuous, walking loop! Work is still to be done, but meanwhile some resourcefulness in using commercial and residential parking lots will help you get around.

In addition, a combination of new trail and new sidewalk all along Polk Street provides for a continuous walkway between the Polk Hill Trail and the Main Street Trail. This, too, provides another loop option, by bisecting the above-described loop.

*Also completed is a pathway along Honey Creek Road, allowing safe pedestrian connection to the nearby school.

*Thanks primarily to the work of C.P. Morgan, The Whetzel Trail, along Worthsville Rd, is now nearly 3/4 mile long and will ultimately connect many neighborhoods not only to the new Clark-Pleasant intermediate school, but also to the Sheek Road sidewalk system.

*Work is also proceeding along Howard Road.

*Republic Development completed its obligation to install about 1/3 mile of sidewalk along Sheek Rd, resulting in what is now over a mile of continuous walkway along Sheek Rd.

The big news of course is that the City was awarded a million dollar INDOT Transportation Enhancement grant for its application to build the Tracy Trail Project. The project provides for a 2.4 mile segment from Summerfield Park to Greenwood H.S, and then over to Craig Park to connect to the existing Polk Hill Trail. INDOT will control the pace of planning and construction and we are advised not to expect to see any construction before late 2007 or even 2008.

Also exciting for residents of Greenwood proper, is that with some lubrication from your Trails Advisory Board, the unincorporated parts of White River Township may soon have a citizen group dedicated to planning trails in WRT that will connect to our system! If you live in that part of WRT and want to to help, we can connect you. Email us at trails@cityofgreenwood.com.

Submitted by: Trails Advisory Board

TRAILS WILL GET BUILT WITH YOUR HELP!!!

Even if we are able to secure state federal grants for construction, we must still raise 20% of the needed funds. Please consider making a personal, or corporate donation. Tax deductible donations in support of the city's Trails Master Plan may be made payable to:

Johnson County Community Foundation P.O. Box 217

Franklin, IN 46131

(check memo: Greenwood Trails Project Fund)

Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce is the visitor's center for the Greenwood area. We provide residents and visitors with local maps, business referrals, state & local tourism brochures, discount coupons, area demographics, festival & craft fair guides, telephone books, ect. Stop in and see us at 550 U.S. 31 South (just north of Smith Valley Road – west side).

In addition, the Chamber strives to be attuned to the needs of the business community. With that in mind, the Chamber has adopted a new mission statement and strategic plan.

The new mission statement is:

The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce provides members with networking, education and promotional opportunities. We are dedicated to our members' success and encourage participation in Chamber programs and events.

The new strategic plan highlights the need for a strong memberbased Chamber with successful events and community partnerships. These activities include developing member benefits that strengthen their position in the business community; executing community events that showcase the business community; and forming partnerships with residents, governmental units, economic development specialists and other community leaders.

For more information about the Chamber visit the website at www.greenwood-chamber.com or call 888-4856.

Greenwood Senior Citizen's Center

550C Polk Avenue, 882-4810

For a list of regularly scheduled activities and trips, call 882-4810.

Computer Classes

Thursdays 9:00 a.m.- Advanced

10:15 a.m. - Beginners

\$45/class Fee:

Must be a member of the Senior Center.

Annual Crafts & Gifts Show

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 - 4:00 p.m., Greenwood High School building. Exhibitors can call for entry form - 882-4810.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Duplicate Bridge - 12:30 p.m. - Bring a partner!

Tuesday: Euchre - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Crafts - 9:00 a.m. \$4/Class

Quilting - 10:00 a.m. \$4/Class

Line Dance Class - 1:00 p.m. \$4/Class

Contract Bridge - 1:00 p.m. - New players call Jean Thursday:

Dickey, 881-3546

Double Pinochle - 1:00 p.m.

Pinochle - 1:00 p.m. - New players call Dorothy Farrar, Friday:

881-3636

\$1 Activity Fee is charged for each person.

Last Friday of the month: Breakfast @ 8:30 - \$3.00 - Call 882-4810

Parks & Recreation

Parks Department

• Greenwood City residents may reserve shelterhouses and gazebos by stopping by the Greenwood Community Center at 100 Surina Way. We have 12 shelterhouses and two gazebos available for almost any occasion. We begin taking 2006 reservations on Tuesday, January 3, 2006!

• All city parks will begin observing winter hours on November 1st! Winter park hours are 8:00 a.m. to Dusk. A reminder: park gates remain closed & restrooms locked during the winter. Winter hours are observed November 1st to April 30th.

Preschool Recreation activities:

Tumbling for Tots: Youth gymnastics class for kids ages 3-6 years old. Meets each Thursday, November 3 – December 15 from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$26/resident or \$28/non-resident.

Creative Movement: Parent/toddler basic coordination & movement class. Kids ages 18 months - 3 years old meets each Thursday, November 3 - December 15 from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$22/resident or \$24/non-resident.

Preschool Open Gym: Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon we have set up play mats and toys in the Community Center gymnasium for kids kindergarten and younger to play and have FUN! All kids must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Cost is \$1/resident child or \$2/non-resident child.

Youth Recreation activities:

Fall Break 2005: Several activities are planned for kids ages 8 & over to enjoy while school is out for Fall Break! Activities include: arts & craft projects, games, special events, game room tournaments, ice cream sundaes and lunch from area restaurants for \$1-\$2. Kids must be members of the Community Center or pay the daily center fee. October 20-21, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2005 Halloween Costume Party: Hey ghosts & goblins! You're invited to the Greenwood Community Center for our annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. We are planning a hayride, pumpkin painting, mini-carnival, hot dog cookout for the kids and much more! This event is open to kids and is FREE!

Family Turkey Shoot: Win your entire Thanksgiving meal (turkey & all the other goodies) at this year's Family Turkey Shoot to be held on Saturday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m.! Teams must include one child and one adult. Children must be a minimum of 10 years younger than the adult. Teams can pre-register at the Community Center or on-site. Age group divisions: 8 & under, 9-11 and 12-14. This event is FREE!



Boys Youth Basketball: Registration for Boys Youth Basketball will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, October 15th and Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration fee is \$30 per child. Registration after October 22, fee is \$35. Deadline to register is November 18.

Adult Recreation activities:

Breakfast Club: Join us each month for Breakfast Club! Breakfast is provided by Bob Evans Restaurant and served by the Parks &

Recreation Department staff. Reserve your spot by calling the Community Center, 881-4545. Cost is \$2 per person. Breakfast Club will be held October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.

Aerobics Classes: Looking to get in shape this fall/winter? Try an aerobics class at the Community Center. Call 881-4545 for class times.

Community Center

Have you purchased your membership to the Community Center yet? Well, what are you waiting for?

Family Pass	Resident	\$125 per year
Children (under 8)	Resident	FREE
Youth (8–17)	Resident	\$25 per year
Adult (18-54)	Resident	\$50 per year
Seniors (55+)	Resident	\$25 per year
Daily Admission	Resident	\$2 per day

Community Center hours:

Monday through Thursday	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Greater Greenwood Community Band

GREATER GREENWOOD COMMUNITY BAND REMAINING CONCERT SCHEDULE — 2005 SEASON

Fall Concert Sun. Oct. 23 4pm Greenwood HS Auditorium
Christmas
Concert Sun., Dec. 11 4pm Greenwood HS Auditorium
Head Band Director:
Associate Band Director:
Band President Richard Moon
Jennifer Randol

Old Towne Greenwood

Founded in 1995, Old Towne Greenwood Association is a group of residents and merchants dedicated to enhancing the beauty and preserving the ambiance of historic Old Towne Greenwood. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at various locations throughout Old Towne Greenwood. There are no membership fees to belong to the association and all are welcome to attend. Throughout the year the OTGA sponsors various events throughout the community.

The next event coming up is the Greenwood-A-Glow Christmas Celebration and tree lighting ceremony held November 19th. The tree lighting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Madison Avenue. After the lighting ceremony there are activities held at the Greenwood Public Library such as photos with Santa and horse drawn carriage rides. Photos with Santa will start at 6:30 p.m. and the carriage rides will begin at 5:30 p.m. We will be taking donations of non-perishable food items for our local pantries at the library the night of the event. Contact Melissa Deckard, President, OTGA, 1280 North State Road 135, Greenwood, IN 46142, 887-8719 for more information.

History of...

GREENWOOD OLD SETTLERS

Lifetime resident Paul Totten reminisces about a popular city event that was held each August from the 1950's into the 1980's. For three days each year, Greenwood would celebrate its historic past.

The celebration of Old Settlers Days began with a parade down Madison Avenue. The Greenwood police car led the parade with siren blaring and red lights flashing. Folks lined the sidewalks and little children stood near the curb as candy and treats were thrown to the children from the homemade floats as they passed by.

The crowd was filled with a sense of pride as the Greenwood American Legion Honor Guard marched by in review, followed by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls and Brownies in their uniforms.

The Greenwood Marching Band and other area bands serenaded parade goers as queen candidates passed in convertibles, clowns waved and shook hands with the crowd while antique cars followed, reminding folks of earlier times. The Murat Horse Patrol and the Shrine mini cars were always in attendance. The parade ended with the Greenwood Fire trucks bringing up the rear. Each year would bring new and different parade entries.

One year, Cowboy Bob from Channel 4 TV in Indianapolis came to help celebrate. Fire Chief Dick Van Valer was in charge of the parade which started down by the middle school parking lot. Dick would release parade participants at intervals. There wasn't a vehicle available for Cowboy Bob, but a lady, who wanted to be a part of the parade, was there with a wheelbarrow. Dick put Cowboy Bob in that wheelbarrow and the lady pushed him along the parade route in the wheelbarrow.

Old Settlers Days had something for everyone. In the Old City Park, there were tents for local churches that served good "sit down food". The service clubs such as the Optimists, Jaycees, Lions Club and the Tri Kappa sorority had booths. Even the Republicans and Democrats had booth space. Area businesses were there with give-a-ways and advertising.

Rides were always a crowd pleaser. Usually there was a Ferris wheel, Merry-go-round, and pony rides. The Dunk Tank was a popular event as some well known person from the community usually volunteered to sit in the tank.

Turtle races were a fund raiser. Businessmen bought a turtle and wrote the name of their business on top of the turtle's shell. The turtles were placed in a metal ring on the baseball diamond. The ring was lifted and the first turtle to crawl to the outer white line was the winner. A money prize was awarded to the winning sponsor.

Paul ends with a story about Van Chamberlin, who was in charge of Old Settlers one year. A few of the fellows decided to throw cream filled pies at each other for fun. A flat bed trailer was used for a stage and a mock fight ensued. Paul said they got each other "good" with the pies. Not only did they throw at each other, but a young lady newspaper reporter who was taking pictures, was hit by a stray pie. The next day the newspaper told the story of the two men's childish prank. Paul felt bad about the accident and sent her money for a new hair-do.

To Paul Totten, "Thanks for the memories".

Please call John Myers at 881-8527 and give your memories of Greenwood's past.

Your City Services

John Gard
Emergencies 911 Police • Fire • Ambulance
Mayor's Office
Police Department
Fire Department
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Sanitation and Street Dept
City Attorney
Human Resources 887-5604

Human Resources887-5604

2 North Madison Ave.

Employment

City Engineer 887-5230

Mission Hills - 225 S. Emerson Ave.

• Drainage concerns, sewer connections, curb/sidewalk replacement program, curb cut permits, traffic studies.

City Court......865-8244

Surina Square - 186 Surina Way

· Court held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

The Court hears traffic tickets and misdemeanors.



Information Technology887-5622

• City computer network, Data & Telecommunications needs for all City offices, City website.

Planning Department......881-8698

Mission Hills - 225 S. Emerson Ave.

· Building and sign permits, zoning information, subdivision plats,

floodplain information, Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, building inspections, economic development.

Sanitation & Trash

Billing Office 887-5232

City Building - 2 N. Madison Ave.

• Start up and billing for sanitation and trash services, purchase extra trash stickers. Trash and recycling inquiries.

Vehicle Maintenance......887-5609

Surina Square - 367 S. Washington

• City vehicle maintenance.

Republic Services

of Indiana1-800-234-6881

· City contracted trash pickup and recycling.

Community Center,

Parks and Recreation 881-4545

Surina Square - 100 Surina Way

• Recreational activities, shelter house rentals, parks information (Craig Park, Westside Park, Old City Park, Northeast Park, Pool Park, Summerfield Park, Trails Park, Woodmen Park, Northwest Park, Children's Garden Park).

Greenwood Airport



EAA pilot Ken Parmer with student David Matherly

Greenwood EAA Chapter 1354 is offering a FREE introduction to aviation course for kids.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1354 will hold a six weeks course on aviation starting October 22, 2005. The course is for kids 13 to 17 years old and will be taught at the Greenwood Municipal Airport conference room.

All of the classes are held on Saturdays and will run from 9:00am to 11:30am. The student will learn to identify all parts of an aircraft, aircraft instruments, physics of flight, aviation weather, basic navigation, aeronautical charts, and aviation careers. On the last class the student will be given an airplane ride with an EAA approved pilot and receive a certificate of completion from EAA Chapter 1354.

To register for the classes please call Roger Tomey or Penny Ratliff at 881-0887 / 889-4756. Class size is limited to twenty students and you must be registered by October 15, 2005. If you wish to help with our Scholarship program please contact the Johnson County Community Foundation 317-738-2213. Each year EAA Chapter 1354 awards scholarship dollars to qualified students and with your help we can continue to shape the future of our youth.

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Jessie Reed, At Large

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Jeannine Myers

City Judge: Lewis Gregory

Board of Public Works & Safety:

Charles E. Henderson Warren E. Beville Kevin Hoover

Flags for Greenwood

Once again this summer, we have enjoyed the patriotic spectacular of the American flags flying above our city streets. It definitely seems more inviting than the leaves we will soon be raking and blowing. It's hard to believe (thanks to you), that we have just finished our tenth year! Our helium balloon sales at the City's Freedom Festival was also a tremendous success. How wonderful it is to see all the patriotic balloons so proudly flowing in the air prior to the start of the fireworks.

In 1996. Greenwood citizens, friends and businesses joined together and raised funds to purchase American flags to be secured to utility poles on our city streets. Initially, Flags for Greenwood (FFG) started with 250 flags. The people of Greenwood have so enthusiastically supported this project, that we now are fortunate to have over 900 flags proudly displaying their patriotic red, white, and blue.

FFG was excited to introduce a new program last Spring. In addition to our regular donations and the memoriams, we now accept donations "In Honor of Those Who Serve"! This may be someone in the military, a fireman or policeman. For a minimum donation of \$50.00, the name of the person being honored will be placed on a plaque in the lobby of the Greenwood City Building. When making donations "in honor of someone who has or is presently serving", please be sure to give us the mailing address, and the area of service of the individual you are honoring. We will send that person a letter advising them that a donation has been made in their honor!

The majority of the flags will need to be replaced by the end of this year, due to deterioration from the weather. So far, we have raised about 90% of the needed \$12,000 for this. We were excited to learn the Greenwood DeMolay were planning to have a breakfast and rummage sale to benefit the Flags for Greenwood project. We were most pleased to receive their donation. This DeMolay chapter formed last October and already have over 25 young men on their membership roll.

We do have approximately 350 flags that are brand new which were donated to us. These flags are not the same type of flag that we order so in order for us to use them the hems need to be reinforced. We need to find additional Betsy Girls that can help us with this project. Betsy Girls work when ever they like at their own

home and just return the flags when they are finished. Any help would be most appreciated.

FFG continues to accept donations of cash, stocks, and securities, and has a 501 (c)(3) Not for Profit status, allowing contributions to be tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to "Flags for Greenwood", and mailed to: Flags for Greenwood, National City Bank, 300 S. Madison Avenue, Greenwood, IN 46142. We realize some may not be able to give as much as others, and that's okay...gifts of any amount will be greatly appreciated. With the support and efforts of the community, we can continue to dress Greenwood streets in the red, white and blue.

We continuously need funds to keep the flags flying, as well as trying to establish an endowment fund to protect our "Avenue of Flags". We will gladly accept stock donations. Those of you not happy with the performance of your investments can also help our cause by contributing stocks to benefit Flags for Greenwood. For help with this endeavor, please contact Sandy Daniels at the Johnson County Community Foundation, 738-2213.

Through FFG, our city has demonstrated their patriotic values to the envy of other communities. This is an expression of appreciation for those who have fought for our freedom and love of our country.

Wilson St. Pierre funeral homes continues to reverently and properly handle the retirement of worn or tattered flags. Worn flags that need to be properly disposed of, may be dropped off at any of the Greenwood fire stations, Wilson St. Pierre funeral home or Greenwood American Legion.

We would again like to thank the Betsy Girls for keeping our flags repaired, and Barry Inabnitt for overseeing the tasks of getting the flags installed and retired. Special thanks to members of the Parks Department and the Street Department for helping Barry.

With all the controversy surrounding Iraq, our flags continue to bring us blessings that we enjoy...the freedom that comes with living in the United States of America. We need to continue to keep our service men, women and their families in our daily thoughts and prayers.

If you have questions please contact John or Linda Gibson at 888-1603, or De or Jerry Lane at 888-1401.

Patriotically yours, Linda Gibson Flags For Greenwood